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Yard Loses Five Tankers From Contract

The Maritime Commission notified Marinship on Saturday that only four of the nine merchant tankers recently contracted for are to be constructed.

This strikes five ships off the Marinship building program, and reduces estimated working forces to 600 by the end of November instead of December.

Future plans of the local ship yard are still up in the air, with no information on additional contracts forthcoming from the Maritime Commission.

Boxing Classes For Teeners At Dorm Gym

Boxing instruction for Marin City teener boys has been scheduled to start next Wednesday at the Dormitories gymnasium, with an eye on training entrants for future boxing shows there, this week announced Charlie Hunter, recreation director.

Training will be by Ed Barbano, recreation man, who will give the boys instruction in boxing, wrestling and calesthenics.

Eligible for the new gym hours are all local boys from 12 to 16 years of age.

"From material selected at these sessions, we hope to find sufficient talent to stage a teener tournament within one month," says Hunter.

Further information on the subject can be had from recreation people in the Marin City gym. The Dorm boxing classes will start at 7 p.m., and no prior registration is needed to enter.

Muscles Are Featured at Adult Movie

A chocolate-coated lesson in developing athletic skills will draw sports enthusiasts to next Thursday's adult movie program to see "Men of Muscle", at 8 p.m., in the community auditorium. Made at Springfield College, the "home" of basketball, the picture shows students in various activities on the playing field and in the gymnasium and the methods through which they gain proficiency in sports.

Victory gardeners will be equally enthusiastic about the sound film, "Six-Legged Saboteus," also scheduled for next Thursday. Closeups of destructive insects and the special wartime importance of controlling such pests as boll weevils, grasshoppers, and screwworms are featured in the reel.

Comedy will be added to the program in the color cartoon, "Beauty Shoppe", an animated fantasy of Grampa Monkey, his two little monkeys and various animals that go to the beauty shoppe to be made more attractive.

A fourth film, "Kids Must Eat", will complete the program.

Movies for adults are shown each Thursday night in the community auditorium. No one under 13 years of age may attend unless accompanied by one or both parents. Admission is nine cents.

At Salinas USO

Miss Virginia Berry, assistant at the Marin City USO-Travelers' Aid, left for Salinas on Monday, April 23, to join the USO-TA staff there.

Firemen are New Sponsors For Scouts

The Marin City Volunteer Firemen's organization has taken over sponsorship of local Boy Scout Troop 32 and a new Cub Scout Pack which is now being formed, it was announced this week.

Scoutmaster Arthur Hart, whose troop has its full complement of 36 members, will continue as leader. A cubmaster for the younger group will be announced next week, says Rolf Bremer, fire chief.

On the Troop Committee of Marin City, Volunteer Fireman Bill Coffee has replaced Dr. Norman Pendleton, who left recently on a lecture tour.

Other members of the committee are Earl James, Bremer, Hart, and Vern Lindburg.

For further information on the subject of scouting, interested parents or boys may inquire at the Marin City Fire House.

Maintenance Truck Stolen Friday Night

A Housing Authority truck was stolen from the Maintenance Department yard some time after 12:30 last Friday night.

Because the vehicle, a Ford pick-up model, belongs to the U. S. government, penalties for the culprit will be high if he is caught.

Merritt Webster, assistant executive director, says the Authority is contemplating turning the case over to the FBI. In the meantime the State Highway Patrol and the local sheriff's office are handling investigations.

Marin City and the county have been searched since the theft, but no trace of the car has been found, according to a report.

Apartment Exteriors to Be Painted

Exteriors of Marin City's 77 apartment buildings will be painted, with work beginning in the very near future, according to official word from the Housing Authority yesterday.

A contract for the 90-day job has been awarded to D. Zelinsky and Sons of San Francisco. Cost of the work will be approximately $14,700, says Merritt Webster, assistant executive director.

No interior painting of the apartments, or any painting of houses at all is contemplated, said Webster.

"This work is primarily for preservation of the wood, and is part of a regional plan to preserve these government structures. Money was recently appropriated for this purpose by the regional office," says Webster.

The redwood house exteriors have a coating of oil which supplies adequate protection, he said.

Lead and oil paint has been purchased, in the same colors now on the buildings, for the proposed job.

In Motorcycle Accident

Billy Dean Palmar, 16, and his sister Betty, 21, were injured yesterday morning when the motorcycle which they were riding to work at the shipyard, went over the embankment near House 581.

Young Palmar, a sheetmetal worker, was taken to Ross Hospital where he is receiving care for scalp lacerations and a possible concussion. Betty also received emergency aid but was released after an X-ray was taken of one finger, on suspicion of fracture. She also sustained painful bruises.

They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Palmar of House 574.

USS Tamalpais Nearing Completion

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Memorial in steel to the Marinship flagship, USS Tamalpais, is held by pretty Nancy Asher, employee at the Sausalito shipyard of Marinship Corporation. Cut from the keel of the Navy oiler, this memento has been presented to the Marin County Historical Society, as a permanent part of their Marin County historical museum. The steel has been rolled out to form a silhouette of Marin's Mt. Tamalpais for which the powerful naval tanker is named. The USS Tamalpais is now nearing completion at the Marinship outfitting docks, and will soon be commissioned and put into service with the U.S. Fleet.

7000 Jobs for City Men on USES Listing

"Thousands of jobs are now open to men living in Marin City if they are willing to do a little commuting and get a little less pay," Wilfred Gruit, of the United States Employment Office declared at a meeting in Marin City last Sunday night. His San Rafael office alone now has 7000 jobs listed that have not been filled, he continued. Some of these jobs are now open for journeymen in ship repair work. However, he added, journeymen in ship repair must pass examinations and have had experience to show that they are all around craftsmen. A man whose experience as journeyman was for a year or two in ship construction, only, would not qualify as journeymen in ship repair. In ship construction you can be trained to do one thing and do that well, but in ship repair you have to know how to do all the operations included in that craft, Gruit said.

"However, many of the jobs now open are for helpers in ship repair for which many of you can qualify. A helper is paid from 90 cents to $1.05 per hour, which is all that many of you got when you first came to Marinship," Gruit pointed out.

Repair Expansion.

Ship repair now has some 70,000 workers around the bay. By the end of the year, it is expected to expand to 115,000 workers. However, if this expansion is to take place, more skilled workers must be found. This expansion is planned for Mare Island at Vallejo, Hunters Point at San Francisco, and Moore's, in Oakland.

Construction of ships is expected to end by the close of the year. This might, however, change if the Maritime Commission finds that more ships are going to be needed for the war in the Pacific, he explained.

Other jobs now open or expected to be open shortly in this State and immediate vicinity include railroad work, garage work, agriculture, forestry, gold mining. Women are needed especially in retail trades. The beginning wage in this county is $27.50 per week. Usually experience is required. This field has been short of workers in this area ever since the war started, he said.

Pacific Workers Needed.

In answer to a question from the audience, Gruit stated that the government definitely hopes that workers from this area will not go home as they are needed here at present, and will be more needed as the war shifts from Europe to the Pacific.

Transportation to Hunter's Point was raised by a member of the audience as a very difficult problem. He had tried to work there using the bus and street car system for transportation but had often been late. Someone else mentioned that a number were driving in cars to Hunter's Point and that a car pool system ought to be organized here at Marin City. (Project Services of the Housing Authority, House 401, back of the Community Building, has since the meeting offered to list both cars that can take more passengers to Hunter's Point and workers wanting transportation there). It was also hinted at the meeting that the Navy was considering providing transportation by boat from Marin Dormitories direct to Hunter's Point. Gruit mentioned that the Navy at Hunter's Point was

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Donated Dishes To USO Helps Needy Family

Thanks to a family which brought us dishes and kitchen utensils they were discarding when they left Marin City, we were able to pass them on to a mother with six children, this week said Mrs. Marie Larson, Marin City USO Travelers' Aid director.

"The father of the family has been ill and they have not been able to replace broken dishes, pots and pans for a long time. In fact, they were practically eating out of one bowl like Chinese families," she said.

We are hoping that more families saying goodbye to Marin City will bring us their excess household goods and clothing to be redistributed among those who need them, Mrs. Larson declared.

The first consignment of dishes was brought in response to an appeal in last week's Marin Citizen when Mrs. Larson pointed out the community's need for such help.

Pike in Auto Accident Near Waldo Underpass

In a collision with a drunken driver near the Waldo underpass last Tuesday, J. H. Pike of House 794, escaped uninjured, but his Ford sedan was damaged around the front wheels and one fender.

The accident occurred when John Luzan of San Francisco, who was driving south, cut over on the left side of the highway, striking Pike's vehicle which was going north. Pike was returning home after work on the swing shift.

Luzan was booked at the county jail.

Heger Killed in Highway Accident Near Gate 4

Paul Heger, 24, of A29-232, was fatally injured last Sunday when he was struck by a Greyhound bus on the highway near Gate 4. He was walking north on the road when the accident happened. According to witnesses, the bus was traveling at 20 miles an hour.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, who was working at an officers' mess hall in Salinas. She was informed of the death by her sister, Mrs. W. Bennett, of A7-51.

Hear Stassen

Mr. and Mrs. Earl James journeyed to San Francisco Monday night for the Roosevelt Memorial meeting and heard a speech by their old friend and state official, Governor Harold Stassen of Minnesota.

Duncan and Ward in Dorm Boxing Show

Wednesday's boxing show at the Marin Dormitories attracted nearly 500 fans who saw seven matches between local pugilists and civilian workers from Hunter's Point. The card opened with a wrestling exhibition between two Vallejo boys, Doyle Stubblefield and George Coppeck, which ended in a draw.

The first boxing bout was between Alvin Henry and Elmo Ellis, both 100 pounds and both from Hunter's Point, which ended in a draw. The second match went to Vern Davis of Hunter's Point, 127 pounds, who won a decision over Paul Pennier, 128, of the Dorms.

Eddie Silva, 126 pounds, won the next decision from Ernie Pulibarro, 126. Both are Hunter's Point men.

Dorm fighter Rufus Blanchard, 150 pounds, copped the first bout of the evening for his home team, in a match with Frenchie Souard, 152 pounds, of Hunter's Point. It was another decision.

Nathaniel Yeatch, 147, and Joe Smith, 150, both from the Dorms, fought to a draw.

The first knockout of the evening was scored by Adrian Gonsales, 135, who kayoed his opponent, John Sasck, in two minutes of the first round.

The last bout was arranged as an exhibition affair between Lloyd Ward, 174, and Lee Duncan, 160, both from Marin City, and ended in a draw. Both men are former Golden Glove fighters, and lacking opponents in the right weight class, were matched for a demonstration of fighting skill.

Allied Churches Sponsor Peace Forum in City

The San Francisco Round Table, National Conference of Christians and Jews, will sponsor a forum on "Goals for the San Francisco Conference" at the Scottish Rite Auditorium on Tuesday, May 1, at 8 p.m.

Speakers will be Dr. Walter Van Kirk, executive secretary of Federal Council of Churches Commission on a Just and Durable Peace; Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, and Rev. Edward A. Conway, social action department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The meeting is open to the public, and there is no admission charge.

Sausalito Carnival To Raise Money For War Veterans

Sausalito invites Marin County to a week of carnival celebration dedicated to raising funds for entertainment of returning veterans. The city has engaged McCloskey's Shows from April 25 to April 30, with matinee performances on Saturday and Sunday.

The carnival, complete with merry-go-round, ferris wheel, commando boats for youngsters side shows, and concessions, will be located in the empty lot next to Sausalito's Fire Department.

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Household compositions are continually changing and the new arrivals often fail to register as members of the Medical Plan until they are sick. By waiting until then the new resident loses out on full benefits of the Medical Plan to which he would have been entitled had he joined immediately upon his arrival.

If you are not sure that your entire household is registered, check at the Housing Office this coming week, Mrs. Percy suggests.

See that everyone in your house has available to them the services of the Medical Center and the financial protection that is included in membership in the Medical Plan.

Colonel Heron Will Speak for Valley Forum

Col. Alexander R. Heron, director of reconstruction and reemployment for the State of California, will address the Mill Valley Forum at the Outdoor Art Club, on the evening of Thursday, May 3rd. His subject will be, "Post-war Problems, Opportunity and Responsibility of Civilians."

Colonel Heron was with the War Manpower Board before coming to Sacramento on his present job. He was released by the Secretary of War upon request of Governor Earl Warren so that he might assist in the future constructive program of California.

Heron had attained the rank of Lieut.-Colonel in the California National Guard and the U. S. Army Reserve, when he was called to active duty with the U. S. Army in 1942.

He is a specialist in industrial and public relations and as such is a consulting professor with Stanford University.

USO Snack Bar

A snack bar for Marin City's USO Service Club was under construction this week in the Community House lounge room. Made of redwood, the bar will be 15 feet long. The local Maintenance Department is building it.

Teener Topics

Edited by Nancy Larsen.

SPORTS
by Betty Starr.

Marin City has started a girls' softball team. As yet we haven't played any games. All teener girls who are interested are urged to attend the afternoon practices at 3 o'clock at the playground, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Come on out and let's have a real good team!

RECORD NIGHT

Thursday night at Teener Clubhouse "399" has been set aside for a record night. Bring your favorite records down to dance to. The Monday night dancing class is still going, also

YOUR CHANCE

Do you want some news put in the Teener Topics about your gang? If so, write it up and give it to Nancy Larsen, Eleanor Campbell, or Betty Mae Starr.

SNOOPEY REPORTER SAYS:

What's this about Harold Johnson at the Thursday night show? Who was the girl, Harold?

What's the matter with Peggy Faubel's eye? Is there dirt in it?

Why does Joyce Alrew stay home now? Being true to Bob Gruenwald?

Is that really Mousies' ring that Lucille Young is wearing?

Pat Williams hasn't been seen in Marin City very much lately. Could it be because of a certain girl in Sausalito?

We were sorry to hear that Betty Olive left for her home in Texas, Tuesday, April 23.

Scouts Conclude Paper Drive With Sunday Pick-up

Marin Council Scouts and Cubs will close their part of the nation-wide General Eisenhower-Boy Scout waste paper drive with the shipment of three cars of paper next Saturday and Sunday. With 209,000 pounds already disposed of out of a quota of 250,000 for the months of March and April, the goal is assured.

The Scouts are endeavoring to collect and ship over 200,000 pounds on Sunday. In doing this, Marin Troops, Packs and Ships hope to pass the two million-pound mark they have collected since war was declared.

They will make a curb pick-up Sunday morning, April 29. One car will be loaded in Mill Valley, and at least two in San Rafael.

Flower and Hobby Show on May 1

The San Rafael Women's Improvement Club is holding its annual flower and hobby show on May 1, at the clubhouse. The exhibit will be open to the public from 1:30 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Co-chairmen of the event are Mrs. Robert Rich and Mrs. Harold Elliott.

Mines Washed Up On Coast To Be Avoided

Mines which have broken loose from fields in the Pacific area are occasionally washed ashore along the West Coast it was reported this week at Western Sea Frontier Headquarters, San Francisco.

Though generally innocuous, some of them may be defective, and therefore dangerous. Because recently civilians picked up one that had washed ashore in Washington and put it in an automobile, a warning is issued that these mines should not be handled.

Anyone finding such a mine should report it immediately to the nearest Army, Navy or Coast Guard Station.

These mines are spherical and about three feet in diameter.

Permanent Organization For War Chest

More than 50 representatives of various welfare agencies met Monday night in Scout Hall to effect a permanent organization of the Marin War Chest. An important item of business was distribution of additional funds to the various county agencies included in the last War Fund Drive. This completed 100 per cent distribution of funds. The financial report showed a total collection of $118,877.65, more than $12,000 over the county's quota of $106,428.51.

The executive committee, composed of T. Fred Bagshaw, chairman; Harold Haley, vice chairman; Fred Cairns, secretary; Leon de Lisle, treasurer, and Joe Rice, were asked to remain in office for a month longer until a permanent organization could be set up.

The chairman of the committee was asked to name a committee of not less than seven members, representative of the social welfare groups of the county, who would report back at the next meeting to set up the permanent organization. The next meeting is scheduled for May 21.

'A' for Attendance

Joe Rigdon, House 317, and his Pipe Shop gang, were winners of a Marinship attendance contest in March. They established a record of only 16 man-hours lost from a total of 560 man-days, approximately 2 per cent absenteeism. This is in comparison with an overall average of 13 per cent absenteeism chalked up by competing gangs.

Prophecy of OPA Future by Panel Speaker

How OPA is holding inflation in abeyance, was the keynote of Mrs. C. Ewart's address to the Marin County Community Service panel at its regular meeting last week. Rationing is still a necessity and will be tightened on many commodities as the war is centered in the Pacific, she prophesied.

"True there is much criticism of OPA", said Mrs. Ewart, "but of what program of such vast scope wouldn't there be. Let us be honest and face the needs of rationing and price control from the broad view as a nation-wide program and not just in the light of the little circle of our own backyard."

She also pointed out that often problems of rationing are not taken to proper authorities for explanation.

Declaring that the first consideration of the Army and Navy is for adequate supplies to the armed forces, much more has to be shipped than is needed so that in case one lot is lost en route there is another ship load on the way—a fact which the public forgets when accusations of waste are made.

Mrs. Ewart is the District Community Service officer. Another panel guest was Paul Coombs, local board supervisor. Presiding at the meeting was the panel chairman, Mrs. Herbert Walton.

Piano Victim

John Moats, A18-139, whose leg was broken when a piano fell on it last week, is at Ross Hospital but expects to have the limb out of traction and walking on a cast in a few weeks.

Isolated

David Bellak, young son of the Medical Center's head nurse, is in the isolation ward of the Dormitories Infirmary with the measles.

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Youth Authority

Trend Toward Small Work Camps for Boys: Votaw

The present trend of the California Youth Authority is to develop a number and variety of smaller facilities to care for youths as compared to the Preston Trade School which has 700 boys at one time, declared Roy Votaw, field representative of the California Youth Authority at last week's meeting of the Marin Community Council of Social Agencies. Already a number of work camps and ranches have been set up by the authority and are in use. Two of them do not cost the taxpayers a cent, he said.

"These two are work camps for boys, 16 years old and older, at Army posts at Benicia and the Stockton Motor Base. They accommodate 150 boys each. The boys earn wages at current rates. Out of these wages the entire cost of lodging, board, administration and supervision expense is deducted. The remainder is set aside for each boy to receive when he has ended his period at work camp," stated Votaw.

The boys are doing essential war work for which the Army has expressed its decided appreciation. In fact, the coming of the boys broke several serious bottlenecks, and the boys know this. Consequently their morale is very high, and they do excellent work. At the same time, they are learning various skills. The boys recognize that these are "honor" camps and prefer them greatly to Preston, Votaw explained.

Other work camps and work ranches for different age groups, for boys and for girls, for different interests and different stages of development have also been created. However, the facilities of the California Youth Authority are still far from large enough to meet the needs of this State.

"Even today Juvenile Courts often have to either hold a youth in a Detention Home or let him out on bail for from four to six months before he can be sent to an appropriate facility of the State Authority," said Votaw.

Placement of youths after they have completed their term at one of its facilities also comes under the Authority's responsibility. In addition, it has a small number of personnel working with local communities on the prevention of delinquency," Votaw stated in closing.

Officials present at the meeting were Milen C. Dempster, Marin County Housing Authority; R. Prager, Sunnyhills Orphanage; Marie Larson, Marin City USO-Travelers' Aid Service; R. Votaw, Youth Authority; Emma C. Brown, Freda M. Caffin, and Emma Gilman from the American Red Cross; Mrs. L. P. McNear, Marin Girl Scout Council; Claire O'Neill, Sunnyhills; Roberta Winans and Frank H. Eastman, County Welfare; Henrietta Danaceau, USES; Sister Gerarda, Marin County Catholic Charities; Ethel Cobb Souza, Marin Junior College; Edna C. Rockstroh, Marin County Health Department; Charles Hunter, Marin County Recreation, and Jack Clahan, San Rafael USO Club.

Silver Star Medal Awarded to Sgt. Pate in Italy

The Silver Star Medal was recently awarded to Sgt. Alvin J. Pate from Marin City, for "gallantry in action," by Col. R. W. Broedlow, commanding officer of the 361st Infantry Regiment, at ceremonies behind the front in Italy.

Attached to the 91st "Powder River" Division of the Fifth Army, Pate also has the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy.

The Silver Star Medal consists of a bronze star in the center of which there is a raised silver star, the center line of all rays of both stars coinciding.

Public Affairs Committee Urges Action on FEPC

The Fair Employment Practices Commission Bill, now before the Assembly in Sacramento, has been re-referred from the Governmental Efficiency Committee to the Ways and Means Committee by a vote of 46 to 32.

The Public Affairs Committee of the Marin City Council, which has gone on record in support of the measure, is urging residents to write their state representative to vote the bill onto the floor of the Assembly.

The representative from Marin County is Richard McCollister.

Examined for Pocahontas Show

Over 100 babies were examined at the Baby Clinic last Wednesday as part of the Baby Festival program now underway under sponsorship of the Degree of Pocahontas, Genessee Council No. 180. A number of 100 per cent physical health certificates will be given out to the Marin County crop of youngsters, according to Dr. David Percival and Dr. George Reeves, who conducted the examinations.

Babies who receive from 98 to 100 per cent on health examinations were awarded a special gold seal certificate; from 90 to 95 per cent winners received an engraved certificate.

The Coronation Pageant will be held May 5, in which the high health babies and high beauty winners will receive their awards.

Dawsons Visit In Minnesota

Mrs. F. B. Dawson, accompanied by her son, Jean and her daughter, left Marin City Wednesday for a trip back to their home at Stacey, Minn. They plan to visit her elder son, Louis who is leaving soon for the Army.

Before their return to their house at 732, the Dawsons will visit friends and relatives in Minnesota and Canada.

Jean, a Marin Citizen delivery boy, will have a substitute working his route until he returns.

Winners Picked At Yesterday's Baby Contest

The Baby Beauty Show, under supervision of Genessee Council 180, Degree of Pocahontas, was run off yesterday at Portuguese-American Hall. Blue ribbons for first place winners, and honorable mention blue ribbons for second place winners were awarded to boys and girls in ten different groups. They are:

Boys, 3 to 5 years — Lloyd Moon, first; Roger Jeffers, second.

Girls, 3 to 5 years — Patty Schneider, first; Karen Williams, second.

Boys, 2 to 3 years — Earl Burns, first; Bruce Feldmeyer, second.

Girls, 2 to 3 years — Alice Glidewell, first; Katherine Smith, second.

Boys, 1 to 2 years — Francis Sawyer, first; Richard Pina, second.

Girls, 1 to 2 years—Darleen Chase, first; Patty Brown, second.

Boys, 7 months to 1 year — Joseph McCroskey, first; Gary Sea, second.

Girls, 7 months to 1 year — Judy Johnson, first; Marjorie Hible, second.

Boys, 6 months and under — Robert Sellers, first; Tim Bradsfield, second.

Girls, 6 months and under — Linda Schulet, first; Janice Randolph, second.

Judges for yesterday's selections were: Mrs. Dora Carle, Mrs. Lois Foy, Mrs. Charles Wells, Mrs. Ray Hill and Mrs. Alice Schwietert.

A coronation pageant is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, when the most outstanding babies will receive their trophies, blue ribbons or certificates.

Mrs. Bowman

Mrs. Evelyn Bowman, A45-353, was rushed to Ross Hospital early in the morning of April 19 for an emergency appendectomy. She is recovering at Cottage Hospital, where Doctors Polland and Hazeltine report she is convalescing.

At their regular meeting last week, members of Marin City's Girl Scout Troop began craft work in preparation for Mothers' Day, May 13.

USO Offers Aid in Housing Requests

The USO-Travelers' Aid in various parts of the country has tried to help newcomers with their housing problems. "Even when housing is scarce we can sometimes help those who are homeless by securing information about available housing for them. A telephone call will often obviate a wild goose chase", says Mrs. Marie Larson, local director.

When you find someone in distress because of a housing problem, please refer them to the USO-TA Cottage, requests Mrs. Larson.

Marin City junior hostesses are urged by Mrs. Harrison Abbott to turn in their photographs immediately so they may be issued their membership cards.

Care for Sick Children is Needed in City

There are still working mothers whose children become ill and who need to find someone to care for them in a hurry or be absent from important war work.

We urge women who can help out in such emergencies or who are willing and able to give other helpful service to working mothers to register at the USO-Travelers' Aid Cottage, says Mrs. Marie Larson, director.

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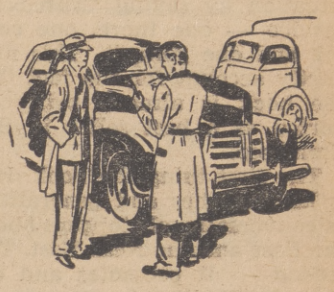

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"Solution in Asia" Should Be Read Before Peace Meet

With background material accumulated from a varied group of experiences and interests, ranging from commercial activities in Shanghai, Tientsin and Peking, to research in Manchuria and Mongolia, and as a political adviser to Chiang-Kai-Shek, Mr. Owen Lattimore has just completed a book under the title "Solution in Asia," on which the attention of this writer has been riveted in a reading and rereading during the last thirty-six hours.

Unknown friends, apparently anticipating his interest, sent the writer three copies, thus putting him in the position of the housewife who described her domestic situation by saying "Three in service — one there, one coming and one going." This may partly account for the fact that the book is already being reported as a best seller in San Francisco.

The first thing the book does is kill clinches and generalities as conversational stopgaps about the East and the Near East. The second — it promotes and encourages thinking.

"Solution in Asia" points out a new approach to thinking about the area on which it reports and challenges the reader to expand his viewpoint and deepen his understanding in order that he may more carefully scrutinize events as they unroll. The work is particularly timely, coming as it does just before the United Nations Conference on International Organization and will prove to be of great value to San Franciscans who wish to follow in detail the world's greatest effort to make peace a permanent thing.

And, of course to be permanent, peace must be based on equity and justice; it must be born almost in an atmosphere of enlightenment and understanding, and arrived at after full consideration of the problems that are indiginous to—for example, China or Korea, and also of those problems that have been brought to these countries from afar by self-seekers and exploiters.

The coming conference imposes a special burden upon the people of this area, as San Francisco is destined to be the window through which the east is most easily observed as well as the natural gateway for the enormous traffic which can easily result from a proper application of the formulas suggested by Mr. Lattimore. Nor are those formulae necessarily limited to the East in their application. And this is especially true of the chapter on the "politics of attraction." As a matter of fact this writer in addresses to the Rotary Clubs at Mill Valley, and other cities, and before the Kiwanis in Oakland last summer, pointed out that this was a working force in the world that must be reckoned with to a much greater extent in the future than it had ever been in the past.

These talks referred more particularly to that power in the policy of attraction, which would influence those countries extending from Finland to Turkey, though the terse phrase of politics of attraction was not then applied, but the idea was there as notes taken by the Mill Valley Record have recorded.

Here is a comparatively new factor in world affairs, finally isolated and named. The politics new set of conditions that are to exert an enormous influence which, while it is a peaceful influence as it will need no aggression nor force of arms, is still a force sufficiently important to become a challenge to this great country for a supreme effort to make itself the outstanding and unquestioned champion of everything that represents freedom and confidence and opportunity, unlimited to itself and to the whole world.

The eyes of all the millions of the world will be on San Francisco and on the final peace conference to follow victory. And those same eyes will then turn from country to country in the world, to see which one is giving its people the most unhampered opportunity in health, freedom and education — to practice the ways and enjoy the fruits of peace. It will be a race in which we are an inevitable entry and for which we have had much training, but one also, in which there will be some new entries of as yet, unmeasured significance. "Solution of Asia" will help us to understand our new competition.

of attraction are something that we must understand. The old order changeth and democracy and America are face to face with a

USO Office Hours

Regular office hours at the USO-Travelers' Aid Cottage here are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Anyone not able to come during these hours may make an appointment for any other time by phoning Sausalito 136, or leaving a note at the cottage.

Gruit Outlines More Bay Area Employment

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working to get some of the Mare Island busses assigned to them so they could improve the transportation to Hunter's Point.

It was then pointed out that the Navy now has navy busses providing transportation from here direct to Mare Island.

Mare Island Jobs

Upon a question, Gruit reported his office has listed the following jobs at Mare Island: 1300 laborers at $7.04 per day; 700 helpers, from $7.12 to $7.60 per day; 3639 journeymen, from $9.12 to $10.08 per day.

His office does not yet have calls for construction workers for the new building announced in the papers at Mare Island, Treasure Island or Hunter's Point. Likely there will be calls for these, he added, when the contracts are let. Nor did he yet have any call for workers to build piers for loading ammunition at California City (which is not far from Marin City), nor were the calls for stevedores at the water front as heavy right now as they had been, though doubtless there would be many calls for this kind of work in the not so distant future.

One member of the audience asked about Unemployment Insurance. A worker out of a job should file immediately at the Employment Office, Gruit replied. Then if no work is available for that worker in the type he is experienced in, at the end of two weeks he is entitled to his unemployment insurance. This was provided, of course, the worker had deductions taken from his pay check for unemployment insurance on his last job.

Gruit and the audience also discussed at considerable length the employment possibilities in this area after the war. It was pointed out that if people in this county were to find work, industry would have to be encouraged to establish itself here. Gruit also outlined Henry Kaiser's plans to build autos, washing machines, trailers and other items in one of his Richmond ship yards. He listed as incomparable assets of the Bay Area, a large domestic market that has greatly increased during the war, the oriental market, possession of facilities such as railroads, power, workers, climate and access to raw materials, metals, oil and water power. The Bay Area alone will need a quarter of a million autos after the war, 175,000 new houses, and shipping and air transport will expand.

Dan Allen, chairman of the Marin City Council, presided. Coffee and cake were served at the end of the meeting by the VICS. Some 75 persons took part in the discussion.

Open House at Tamalpais High School This Sunday

An aquacade, one-act plays, musical numbers, and practical demonstrations and exhibits will be some of the highlights of next Sunday's Open House at Tamalpais High School. Scheduled to begin at 2 and close at 4 p. m., the program is intended to serve as a climax to the observance of Public Schools Week. The entire school has been thrown open to visitors who are urged to visit teachers in their classrooms, inspect the exhibits in the Assembly Hall, take in any of the special program features which appeal to them, and not fail to see the cafeteria in action —where hot biscuits, honey and coffee will be served.

Chairman Wallace Andrews and his committee have stressed informality, with no general meeting and no speeches. Teachers will be in their rooms from 2 to 3 p.m. Members of the Boys' Self-Government Committee will be posted around the grounds to act as guides throughout the day's activities.

The program for the annual open house Sunday, April 29, is:
Exhibits and Demonstrations, 2 to 3:30, Assembly Hall;
Selections by String Quartet, 2 to 3:30, Lower Court;
Cosmetology Demonstrations, 2 to 3, Cosmetology Building;
"The Proposal", One-act Play by Anton Chekov, 2:15 to 2:40, Little Theater;
Choral Program, 2 to 2:30, Room 52;
"The Pot Boilers", One-act Play by Alice Gerstenberg, 3:15 to 3:40, Little Theater;
Water Show, Demonstration of Life Saving and Functional Swimming—Water Ballet 2:45 to 3:05, Swimming Pool;
Coffee, hot coffee, honey, 3 to 4, Cafeteria.

Reckless Rock-Throwing Causes Boy's Injury

Lindsey Cage, age 7, of House 669, was hit in the head with a stone, Monday evening. He was brought to the Medical Center for treatment by the mother of the boy who threw the rock. Sutures were taken, and the bleeding stopped by Dr. Thomas. Lindsey is now recovering.

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WOMEN'S PAGE

Womens' Club Listed in County Report

In the new directory of Marin County Social and Health agencies issued by the Marin Community Council, three Marin City services are listed and described.

Purpose of the Women's Club, as listed in the publication, is, "To aid, through organized effort in the furthering of our country's war effort, and such worthy causes as may enlist its sympathies, to create a center of thought and action among the people for the promotion of what ever tends for the best interests of this city."

Eligibility requirements, set forth in the directory, are: "Any Marin City resident white woman, recommended by another member, and voted upon by others."

The USO-Travelers' Aid Service lists its purpose as:

"Give information and direction to moving people and people away from home.

"Protect and aid travelers, especially girls, women and boys in the many emergencies that may occur in traveling, or upon arrival at their destination.

"To assist in locating missing people.

"To give inter-city travel service for those who are ill or helpless and must move from one place to another.

"To assist travelers to obtain adequate housing or to return to their own homes if they are stranded.

"To give emergency assistance to needy newcomers in the stage of getting settled.

"To promote the assimilation of strangers in the community by referring them to those agencies who will provide for their social mental and religious development.

"To refer those in need of more than emergency assistance to the local agency best equipped to care for them.

"To assist in the development of resources which are inadequate to meet the needs of newcomers.

"To promote investigation of the inducements which causes persons to leave their homes.

The third Marin City agency mentioned is the Marin City Nursery. The adjoining Child Center for school-age children is not listed.

The publication also lists 45 agencies in the county which serve to help people living in its area.

Girl Scouts Sing at Annual S.R. Banquet

Fifteen members of the Marin City Intermediate Girl Scout Troop sang at an annual dinner in San Rafael Scout Hall Thursday last. Under direction of Mrs. J. R. Kahrt, the songsters were Shirley and Norma Harris, Janette Makaroff, Mona Christensen, Beverly Roland, Rose Marie Ekman, Barbara Kelshiemer, Mary Anthony, Freda Young, Donnabelle Green, Mary Ann Ryan, Barbara Garies, Mary Johnson, Edna Buck, and Patsy Walls.

The girls sang several numbers including folks songs, rounds, and a Negro spiritual.

Members of the troop committee and parents present included Mr. and Mrs. Kahrt, Mrs. Walter Makaroff, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pense, Mr. and Mrs. John Veness, Mrs. Orland Wilson, Mrs. M. G. Roland, Mrs. Arthur Hart, Mrs. Sanday Young, and Mrs. Helen Johnson.

Farewell Party For Mrs. Roland

Mrs. M. G. Roland who left Marin City this week with her family to return to their home at Des Moines, Iowa, was honored at a handkerchief shower last week by members of the Brownie and Girl Scout Troop committees. The going-away party was given at the home of Mrs. Arthur Hart, 609.

Present were Mesdames Orland Wilson, Louis Bright, Walter Makaroff, J. R. Kahrt, A. Ekman, and Frank Ryan.

Congratulations

To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Haley, of A8-59, on the birth of a son, their first child, at Cottage Hospital in San Rafael, on April 30.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Pruitt of House 364 on the birth of a son at Ross General Hospital on April 20. The infant is their sixth child.

Loser in Female Battle Receives Emergency Aid

We're not mentioning any names, but the other night a young lady came to the Medical Center at 10:15 for treatment for wounds sustained in battle. Her injuries consisted of a lacerated lip and bruised knuckles.

Our young lady warrior received these injuries by an unprovoked assault, when she cheerfully wished birthday greetings to another member of the fairer sex.

At the Medical Center, she was given first aid treatment, followed by good advice as to the maidenly art of self defense. May we quote our young patient as saying, "The next time, I hope I'm equipped with brass knuckles."

Expand Morning Playground Time

Morning playground hours have been changed to 10 a. m. to 12 noon to accommodate more children, it was announced this week by the recreation department.

Although the equipment shed has been torn down, playground activities will be supervised as usual, both morning and afternoon. Baseball bats and balls and other athletic equipment will continue to be available for use by the children.

USO Party for Air Force Here Saturday Night

The Marin City USO Club will entertain squadrons from the Army Transport Corps and the Air Force Saturday night. About 400 men are expected for the party in the Community House.

Sgt. Joe Stabile of the ATC and his orchestra will play for the dancing. Refreshments will be served by senior hostesses.

Breakdown in Electric Service Last Monday

Electric service in Marin City was interrupted Monday between 5 and 6 p.m. when the P. G. & E. transformer leading into the town broke down.

The Maintenance Department reports it was swamped by residents bringing in fuses, under the impression the difficulty was local.

Interruption of service caused the greatest difficulty at the market, where workers were shopping after the day shift.

When the current went off, cash registers had to be worked by hand, slowing down service at the check stands until long lines of customers were formed all the way to the back of the store.

Calling Women Baseball Players

Young women who are experienced softball players are urged to contact the playground or gym director as soon as possible to sign up for a team.

Henrietta Iloff, House 793, has expressed interest in organizing a young women's team and may be contacted during the daytime or evening at her home.

Ladies to Attend Club Conference

Mrs. W. R. Schuppan, Mrs. B. C. Bloomquist, Mrs. G. W. Miller, Mrs. Louis Bright, and Mrs. W. N. Makaroff will attend the 1945 District Conference of the American Federation of Women's Clubs in San Francisco on Monday, April 30.

Evacuee Party

Marin City USO hostesses who attended the Evacuee party given by San Rafael legionaires last week were Gene Beard, Juanita Anderson, Dorothy Guidry, Everdine Green and Mayola Landry.

Mr. and Mrs. John Keller and four children moved into Marin City from Inverness this week. Mrs. Keller is the sister of Mrs. Daniel Allen.

Schedules Paper Salvage Drive

The Marin City branch of the County Salvage Committee announces there will be another paper drive on Sunday, May 6. It is planned to hold a drive in Marin City the first Sunday of each month as long as paper is still needed to fight the war, Mrs. Earl James, chairman of the committee, said yesterday.

Cookie Brigade

Meeting date of the Marin City Women's Club Cookie Brigade has been changed from the first to the third Wednesday of each month.

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When the lights go on again, the Victory celebration probably will have the same international atmosphere that marked the spontaneous demonstration which erupted in Paris, November 11, 1918. How that emotional explosion looked is depicted by Artist Wallace Morgan. Film shows Wilson's triumphant tour.

Hedda Hopper: Looking at HOLLYWOOD

THE movie-going public thinks of **Monty Woolley** as a middle-aged brat with a beard who has made good in a big way.

Although Monty (who was christened Edgar) will probably deny it, much of this is due primarily to "the Beard" himself. Just now it pleases him to be sick and tired of the tag and threadbare jests about his hirsute adornment. But there was a day when Monty welcomed any flip remark about his chin curtain as furthering his name and fame. If you're fortunate enough to catch Edgar Montillion Woolley on one of his talkative days he'll give you a story of the weird ups and downs that have beset him from the cradle. He'll tell you the way was not smooth for Woolley even before he became the bearded half of the **Gracie Fields - Monty Woolley** team which is box office honey right now. That combination, which has just culminated in "Molly and Me", has provided the Beard with a new screen personality. It has sandpapered down the cutting edge of his acidulous screen personality to a likable old devil whose bark is louder than his bite. But regardless of this, his beard—that hated wind-

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BALLYHOO AND BANDS are trademarks for political conventions. The national pow-wows soon to open in Chicago probably will be reminiscent of the famous Democratic National Convention of 1912 in Baltimore when Woodrow Wilson was named his party's packhorse. Artist John Fulton has done a sketch of this earlier rally.

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Looking at Hollywood

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wooing alfalfa, to hear him talk —still figures as the most saleable feature of the Woolley personality.

Get Out of My Beard!

When Woolley once told me: "I'm sick and tired of this printed drool about my whiskers. For heaven's sake, Hedda, keep my beard out of your typewriter! So far as the public is concerned I've ceased to be an actor, or even a man with any personality. I'm just a beard now, and in the future I want no more talk of it!"—I fell for it head over heels. Imagine, then, my surprise to find "Molly and Me" featuring a scene—one of the funniest in the picture, incidentally — pitched entirely around Monty's chin wool.

Then I learned he turned down a starring role in "Colonel Effingham's Raid" because it called for a smooth face.

At the time Woolley became professor of English at Yale University that seemed a career worthy of fighting for. In the suave superiority of his classroom position ,Monty gave deep thought to the finest nuances of the language. Spoke his sentences with elegance and precision.

But the theater was strong at the back of his mind and he asked for the post of dramatic director.

George Pierce Baker's appointment to the post precipitated Monty's resignation. Brought on a penniless and dispirited period in which Monty appealed to his friends in the theater. They didn't fail him; he ended this phase by directing "Fifty Million Frenchmen", "Champagne Sec" and "Jubilee" —no mean record. But his friends in Hollywood were directing pictures at plush salaries. So Monty landed in movietown.

That Beard Again

Now the beard comes into the picture once again. The beard got Monty his first job in movies —a Russian impresario. But **Walter Connolly** — a fat man without a beard—continued to get the parts Monty had his eye on.

Monty turned back to the theater for solace. Was on the eve of returning to Broadway to direct another play when Moss Hart rang him, asking him to play the lead role in a play called "Strange People", if I remember correctly. The play turned out to be "The Man Who Came to Dinner". It put the Beard right in the bead of the spotlight. Hollywood didn't see him again until Warners determined to make the picture with **Bette Davis.** But Bette demanded him and got him. Then 20th Century got Monty for "The Pied Piper", signed him to a long-termer out of which came a unique romantic team — the Gracie Fields - Monty Woolley combination. These two invest an autumn love story with a sprig of spring.

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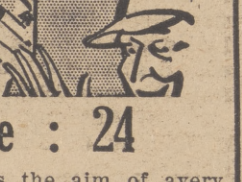

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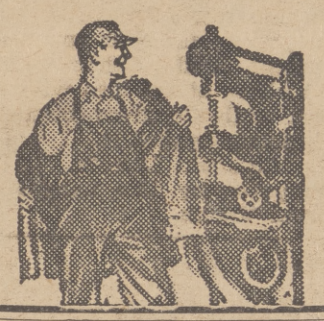

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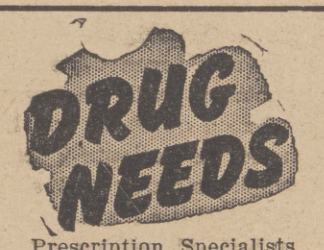

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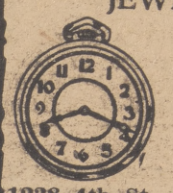

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Headline News Quiz

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD?

Test Your Knowledge of the Headline News!

1. Can you identify the periods of the Roosevelt administration with which the following phrases are associated? (a) "This great nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and will prosper. So first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself." (b) "The peace, the freedom and the security of 90 per cent of the population of the world is being jeopardized by the remaining 10 per cent who are threatening a breakdown of all international order and law. . . . When an epidemic of physical disease starts to spread, the community approves and joins in a quarantine of the patients in order to protect the health of the community against the spread of disease." (c) "In the future days which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential freedoms." (d) "We have learned to be citizens of the world, members of the human community."

2. Name the heads of the following delegations to the San Francisco Conference: (a) British; (b) Russian; (c) French; (d) Chinese.

3. The soft coal miners and operators have reached a compromise agreement, which, if approved by the War Labor Board, will hold until March 31, 1946. Which of their significant demands did the miners give up?

4. Franklin D. Roosevelt once summarized his philosophy of government with a quotation from a great Republican president: "The legitimate object of government is to do for the community of people whatever they need to have done but cannot do at all for themselves in their separate and individual capacities." Who was the president quoted?

ANSWERS

1. (a) From the First Inaugural address in 1933, made in the midst of the great depression and the banking crisis. (b) The famous "quarantine the aggressors" speech made at Chicago in October 1937. (c) From the message to Congress in January 1941, half a year before the signing of the Atlantic Charter. (d) From the Fourth Inaugural, January 1945.

2. (a) Anthony Eden. (b) V. M. Molotov. (c) Georges Bidault. (d) T. V. Soong.

3. The miners did not succeed in their demand for a 10 per cent royalty on each ton of coal mined. Public attention was first focused on such royalties when the American Federation of Musicians signed a contract providing for royalties from the sale of records, the money to be used for an unemployment fund. Other unions are looking at the idea with interest, while Congress threatens to legislate against it.

4. Abraham Lincoln.

Prepared by The League of Women Voters.

Training Days

Senior Nurse Preys on Probationers' Gullibility

by Flora Scope, R. N.

The gullibility of probationers was always a source of amusement to the upper classmen. We "probies" were looked upon as lowly mortals and suffered many ignominies at the hands of our senior nurses. The probationary period lasted for six months, which seemed to us as probies, six months too long—but to us later, as juniors and seniors, it seemed six months too short.

That part of our training came to an end with an initiation party followed by a dignified ceremony called "capping", because we were raised to the rank of a full-fledged nurse, by adding that "pride of our career" to our uniform.

One of the greatest jokes of the older nurses was to congregate in a room and be discussing topics of the day where probies were present, and fabricate on the truth till the story reached such unlimited dimensions that even we gullible, impressionable young things finally disbelieved.

I remember one night, the jokster of the senior class was sitting on the edge of her roommate's bed with a bunch of us who were eagerly drinking in every word she was saying. She started out in a matter-of-fact way, but each story became more fabricated, until it became difficult for us to discern exactly where the truth ended and prevarication began.

She related her trouble in the delivery room that morning, of how she tried to deliver the baby alone, because there was no doctor present. When the baby finally arrived, by some magnificent maneuver on her part, it had three feet, with six toes on each foot.

Then she was called to the diet kitchen to help out at noon, and she saw seven diets go to the patients with the wrong type of food on them, and how she saved the patients' lives by her quick thinking and action in retrieving the trays.

(We had all noticed by this time that she was always the dramatic heroine of her monstrous stories, but more was to follow.)

Later on in the day, she happened to answer the emergency door, and saw two men hemorrhaging to death. But, because of the rapidity of her actions, she tied tourniquets around their bleeding arms, and saved their lives.

Before she finally got to her room at 7 P.M. she had snatched two more people from the jaws of death, and by the time she had finished telling her tale, she had all of us in gales of laughter, especially when she stretched, yawned and said. "Ho hum, I'm tired, it's been rather a trying day."

Dan Allen, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Billingsley, Milen Dempster and Mrs. Marie Larson attended a meeting of the War Chest at the Boy Scout Hall in San Rafael Monday evening.

APRIL SHOWERS - - - - By Collier

Letters to the Editor

Editor, Marin Citizen:

It seems that in criticizing certain conditions existent in Marin City I unwittingly offended Mrs. Allen, who, in her answer, chose not so much to refute my statements as to voice her indignation at my having called this camp a camp and added a list of my sins of omission.

I appreciate the fact that there are certain activities in community life that are worthy of and require the leadership of its citizens. I heartily agree with Mrs. Allen that Marin City needs this leadership—has needed it in the past. It is altogether possible, and in some cases true, that people who gladly would have given of their time, have been prevented from doing so by very good reasons. A husband doing a conscientious, full day's work and a wife with two small children could hardly find time in these days of restricted living to do justice to both their family and the obligations of community leadership. To say that we "sit in our houses and sneer at everything connected with the place" is an assumption that is wrong.

I have, since my first sight of Marin City, considered the words a pseudonym for, in its physical aspects, it is only a camp in every sinse of the word and the term implies nothing to be ashamed of. Going beyond its physical aspects, it is not even a good camp, for good camps have daily collection and disposal of garbage, protection of interiors from flies and other insects, adequate street lighting, adequate police patrol, public service such as ice delivery, transportation systems and, above all, a CLEAN commissary at which to trade. I am not sneering at the place. I am stating plainly what the unbiased resident knows it to be. Any other picture, to say the most, would be a noble gesture.

The Council in some instances has rendered valuable service to the residents. The sins of omission of which I and people like me have been accused, could easily have been the results of impressions gotten from accounts of the good results being achieved by the Council. My own reluctance to take part springs from the conviction that the Council, from its inception, has been functioning under a false premise or wrong theorum. Instead of recognizing a heterogeneous group with differences developed throughout their lifetime and formulating a program to suit, they chose to ignore those conditions and, with a vast guinea pig at hand, launch a noble experiment in the guise of democracy. Everything in the program seemed to be subjugated to that one idea. To me it seemed that the course had been chosen and the gates closed to late comers.

I believe that when one seeks to destroy or obliterate, over night, as it were, the caste in community life, he seeks to lower that life to the lowest level of the community. By all laws of sociology it would be the inevitable result, be the community Marin City, California; Podunk, Arkansas; or Boston, Massachusetts. Such a process takes a great amount of time and educating. It IS a noble ideal, and one for which everyone should strive, but in the right way.

What we as citizens, not of Marin City, but as citizens of the world, should strive for is the courage to be realists, giving a conscientious evaluation to all things, speaking out and fighting for what we believe to be right and against what we believe to be wrong. That is basic personal honesty.

It can sometimes be done without too much public display.

Joe W. Rigdon,
Marin City.

A Year Ago In Marin City

(From The Marin Citizen files of April 28, 1944.)

Announcement was made of the proposed erection of a Marin City Honor Roll by the Community House, to be sponsored by The Marin Citizen and the Marin City Council.

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Mrs. Ruth Long replaced Mrs. Marion Blumberg as nurse at the Child Care Center.

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A marble tournament for Marin City youngsters was scheduled for May 20.

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A candidates' open forum was arranged for May 7, with invitations extended to every man running for public office from U. S. senator to county dog-catcher.

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A campaign against broken glass on Marin City roads was launched by the Marin City Council upon suggestion of a resident.

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Children plus matches, plus paper stored under an unoccupied house started a fire on the North Hill.

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The children's Saturday morning dance classes here were divided into two groups to handle the heavy enrollment.

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Two Marin City children harboring a virulent strain of diphtheria were taken to the Dormitories Infirmary, where they will be kept until negative cultures are shown. As they had been immunized against the disease, neither child was seriously ill.

The consciousness of good intentions is the greatest solace in misfortune.—Cicero.

Family Life

By Vox Populi

"You remember the Jones?" Emma said to me as I came into the house from work yesterday. "You remember, the family that lived below us who got panicky, who left when the yard first started reducing personnel, and bought a car, and with their four kids went north to Portland to get a job in a shipyard up there?"

"Remember my telling you that Mrs. Jones", Emma went on, not giving me a chance to wash up for supper, "confessed to me that she was sort of frightened but that her husband would not listen to anyone but had got it into his head that work would last a lot longer around Portland and that the family should move there right away? Well, just what you thought would happen, happened. They spent most of their savings getting that expensive car, the car broke down near Portland, and there are no new men being taken on at Portland in the line of work in which he has had experience. I got a pitiful letter from Mrs. Jones today. They're broke, the car is broke down, he has no job, and doesn't know what to do. They've had to get help from the Travelers' Aid up there. She has quarreled with him because he had bull-headedly left his job here that he still had, and spent all their money to no purpose. They don't even have a place to live in."

"You're right," Emma went on. "We should stay here as long as you have a job. While food is high here, it's now high everywhere; and rent with utilities here is as reasonable as it is anywhere. Then if your job at Marinship ends, as they said at the meeting the other night, you should go to the U. S. Employment Office and take another job within commuting distance, even if it does mean lower wages.

"We're not going to let ourselves get rattled and jump aimlessly as these Jones did. And I'm not going to worry so much."

With that remark, Emma paused and I did get into the bath room to take a shower. As the water streamed over me, I began thinking, "It's a shame that people like Emma should worry, and that the Joneses should have gone off on that hair-brained adventure without first getting full information from the U. S. Employment Office. Of course, with a war on, things have to be a bit uncertain. No one knows all that's going to happen. Any day the authorities in Washington may figure that we will need more tankers and Marinship may start up again on a large scale. Who can tell? Once they figured we had plenty of artillery ammunition, and factories were closed right and left. Then suddenly they had to all be re-opened again."

"However, aside from war, part of Emma's worry and these other people's panic, is what is the situation going to be for peace-time jobs. Our whole society seems insecure. Things should be arranged so that a person did have a feeling of security in his job, or at least, would know that other jobs would be available near at hand. There'd be plenty of jobs if things were only organized somehow. We could all enjoy a higher standard of living, and that means more work — like the man said at the meeting Sunday night."